

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Yesterday I came on the floor, and I introduced this body to the Mackay family, a doctor of 30 years, a certified orthopedic surgeon in our community. Dr. Mackay, as has been alleged by the Drug Enforcement Administration, has been giving improper prescriptions to patients in a way that has caused addiction within our community.

Now, the investigation had taken apparently about a year, starting in 2007; but I wanted to pick up the story of this family on June 6 of 2008.

It was on that day that a hard knock came on the door of Dr. Mackay's home. He said it was so loud he thought that had he not answered the door quickly they would have broken the door in, but he did answer the door.

In a rush, 20 agents in full riot gear and armed, they handcuffed Dr. Mackay, took him to the front room, sat him on a chair, and then stuck a gun in his stomach. His wife was also escorted into the front room and held at gunpoint for 4 hours. DEA did not have a search warrant at this time. They said one was coming as they were going through his office at the same time. And sure enough, after the 4-hour ransacking of his home, they finally did show Dr. Mackay and his wife the one-page search warrant.

I suppose he could have objected earlier to that, but usually when a gun is pointed at your stomach, you have a tendency not to be too talkative in those situations.

What they did in his office is take almost two-thirds of his files, hundreds of patients' files. In his personal home, they confiscated all of his personal records, his tax records, his children's personal records. They downloaded his computer, his cell phones; they took his textbooks and medical journals. They also confiscated his savings and checking account and put a hold on his retirement fund. They also took both his car and his truck.

They did not at any of this time charge him with any crime. They didn't arrest him for anything. In fact, if the issue is prescribing improperly prescription drugs, they did not take away his license to be a doctor. He could still function as a doctor, I suppose, if he could walk to work. And he did. The State of Utah never did go after his particular license.

However, with all of his money confiscated, he is relegated to a position of no money for food, which is okay because he has no vehicles to drive to the store if he needed to. For several months his family survived on the food storage that they had put away as a family for an emergency situation. And during this time, once again, there have been no charges, no arrests; but his property has been confiscated.

He was finally able to get enough money together to hire an attorney; and in November of 2008, 5 months after the initial raid, he went to court. And the courts did demand that some of his property be returned to him. He was

given his pension fund back. He was allowed his car but not his truck, nor was he allowed access to his personal savings account or to his personal checking account. Nor was he allowed access to his files or to his textbooks. I have a hard time wondering why DEA, the Drug Enforcement Administration, wants his textbooks and his truck; but they kept them.

Everything he has done up until this time is in trying to meagerly pay off defense bills that he is now accumulating to try and clear his name.

Now, I don't want to give an opinion as to the element of what may or may not have been the legal situation here. I can say from my understanding of this family and the situation that is involved that I do not find Dr. Mackay or his family to be a threat to our community. In fact, if one looks at the sworn statements from almost all of the physicians in our area, they do not find Dr. Mackay a threat to our community. If I read the letters to the editor in our local paper, the constituents' mail that I have read, no one still considers his family a threat to the community.

Nevertheless, this family, since June of 2008, has been terrorized, a profession has been destroyed, a reputation has been besmirched, property has been confiscated; and still there are no charges, there are no arrests.

Justice, as I always understood it, is supposed to work in a way in which the bad guys are accused and charged and then go before a judge and a jury of their peers. That has not been the situation.

And with that, Madam Speaker, I appreciate the time here. And what I would like to do is once again come in for installment number three, because this story of the Mackay story is not over, and tell you what has still continued to happen to this family in contradiction of what could be or should be the rule of law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BROWN of Georgia addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GOHMERT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HEALTH CARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. AKIN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, thank you for this opportunity to once again take a look at some of the very significant questions that face our country this evening in this 1-hour. We're going to be taking a look at the subject of health care in America, something that has absorbed the attention of citizens and political leaders now for a number of months. Something that is, of course, important to every single one of us.

We each have to live inside the bodies that we have, and how health care is run in this country is not only very important from a financial and economic and policy point of view; it's very personal because it's our bodies, after all.

So what we're going to take a look at this evening once again is the question as to what are the reforms that should be made in American health care.

Now, sometimes people when we deal with this want to say that everything is wrong; we need to just burn the entire barn down and start completely over. But of course people from foreign countries that have millions and millions of dollars come to America all the time as their choice for the best health care that they can buy anywhere in this planet.

So, certainly, there are many good aspects to our health system even though it may need some reforms in some areas.

What is being proposed here is not minor. In fact, that's one of the problems with the fact that legislation has not moved in months on the health care subject and that's because what was being attempted is to do a great, great deal. What's being attempted is the government, essentially over time, is going to take over 18 percent of the entire U.S. economy, that is, the government is going to run the health care system.

Now, this is a rather bold proposal. When Lyndon Johnson discovered hunger as an issue, he didn't propose that the government was going to take over all of the grocery stores and farms and all of the trucking in between, but rather that he would propose food stamps. This, instead, is the idea the government is going to take over everything in medicine over a period of time.

So the question is, is this a good thing. Does it really meet the problems, and what are the potential dangers of it.